



The Daily Beat

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Fires shut Interstate 94

By The Associated Press - 07/17/2006

High temperatures, low humidity and predictions for more dry and windy thunderstorms were on the minds of fire managers Sunday as more than 400 firefighters battled a complex of wildfires that has blackened about 100,000 acres east of Billings.

http://www.mtstandard.com/articles/2006/07/17/newsstate_top/20060717_newsstate_top.txt

For more information on Montana Wildfires, please check out the National Incidents website.

<http://www.incweb.org/>

Governor: Economy relies on education

By BETSY COHEN of the Missoulian – 07/17/06

Gov. Brian Schweitzer didn't mince words about where he stands on funding public education in Montana when he addressed the state Board of Education meeting in Kalispell last week.

<http://www.missoulian.com/articles/2006/07/17/news/local/news02.txt>

Crow Native Days are celebrated in style

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If you aren't wanted in someone else's celebration, start your own. The Crow, or Apsalooka, since the late 1990s have celebrated Crow Native Days in contrast to a celebration held in the border town of Hardin, Mont. According to local Crow members, some years ago one of the chiefs, Chief Two Leggings, was in Hardin and, as the story goes, was the victim of racism during a celebration that falls at the time of the 130th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Hardin, according to the Crow, has a reputation for racism.

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Veterans take center stage

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On the 130th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, where many American Indian warriors fell fighting for their way of life, the Crow Nation honored all warriors who had fallen in all wars from the beginning of the Indian Wars to Iraq and Afghanistan. Carl Venne, chairman of the Crow, or Absalooka, Nation, said the Crow had been criticized for not honoring its veterans, so in 1999 he led a move to create a veterans' park.

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Crow warrior's legacy lives on

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The Crow considered some 100 million acres in the area where the states of Wyoming and Montana are now located, and that homeland was claimed by Crow Chief Sits in the Middle. It is said that he sat in the middle of what was Crow homelands and declared the four corners as Crow territory. It was filled with buffalo and other wildlife, prairies with abundant grasses and mountains.

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Poll: Public likes Indian gaming

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A just-released poll shows that almost two-thirds of American citizens support Indian gaming. The independent polling firm of Fairbanks, Maslin, Maullin and Associates conducted the survey of 1,000 registered voters.

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